PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Covernor of the State of Texas

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TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

June 16, 1985

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14 of the Constitution of Texas, I hereby veto House Bill 1543 because of the following objections:

While I am strongly committed to the concept of neighborhood schools and the resulting positive peer support attainable for children who attend neighborhood schools, House Bill 1543 imposes arbitrary percentage requirements on the student assignment responsibilities of school districts. The bill further places unnecessarily cumbersome administrative burdens on our local school districts. I am convinced that the overwhelming majority of school administrators and school board members support the concept of neighborhood schools. Therefore, I firmly believe that local control and administrative flexibility is appropriate in the area of student school assignment.

I have noted that the legislature has expressed its support for neighborhood schools in Rider 19 of the Texas Education Agency budget contained in House Bill 20, the General Appropriations Act of the 69th Legislature, Regular Session. As mandated by this rider, the Texas Education Agency will monitor compliance with the intent of the legislature to encourage neighborhood schools. I commend this expression of legislative intent.

Therefore, I do hereby veto House Bill 1543.

Respectfully.

Mark White

Governor of Texas

Myra A. McDaniel Secretary of State

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